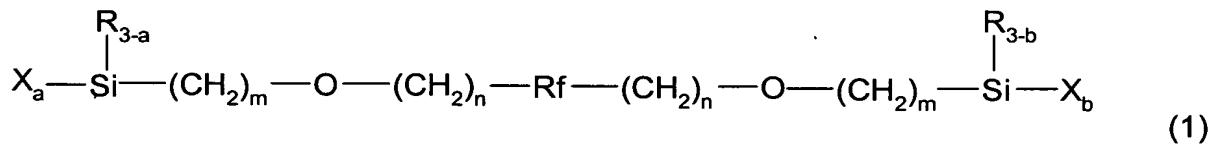


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A lens comprising a lens substrate, a surface layer, and a backing member provided beneath the said surface layer, wherein the in-which said backing member is either identical to the said lens substrate, or a separate layer from the said lens substrate, wherein the said surface layer comprises a hydrolysis-condensation product of a perfluoropolyether modified silane represented by the a-general formula (1) shown below:



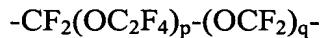
wherein, Rf is a bivalent group comprising a straight chain perfluoropolyether structure containing no branching and comprising a unit represented by a formula $-(\text{C}_k\text{F}_{2k}\text{O})-$ wherein, k represents an integer of from 1 - 6 1 to 6, each R represents, independently, a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 - 8 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each X represents, independently, a hydrolysable group or a halogen atom, each n represents, independently, an integer of from 0 to 2 0 - 2, each m represents, independently, an integer of from 1 - 5 1 to 5 and each of a and b represents, independently, 2 or 3 and the surface layer is formed by vacuum-depositing the perfluoropolyether modified silane directly onto the backing member, and subsequently performing hydrolysis and condensation.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein the said Rf group in the said general formula (1) is a bivalent group comprising a perfluoropolyether structure represented by the a-general formula shown below:



wherein, 1 represents an integer of 1 or greater.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein the said Rf group in the said general formula (1) is a bivalent group comprising a perfluoropolyether structure represented by the a-general formula shown below:



wherein, p and q each represent an integer of 1 or greater, a sum of p + q is an integer from 10 - 100, ~~10 to 100~~ and the repeating units represented by (OC_2F_4) and (OCF_2) in the general formula are arranged at random.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein each group X in the said general formula (1) represents, independently, a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, an isopropenoxy group or a chlorine atom.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein a thickness of the said surface layer is within a range of from 0.1 nm - 5 μm ~~0.1 nm to 5 μm~~ .

6. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein the said backing member is different from the said lens substrate, and is an inorganic anti-reflective layer.

7. **(Canceled)**

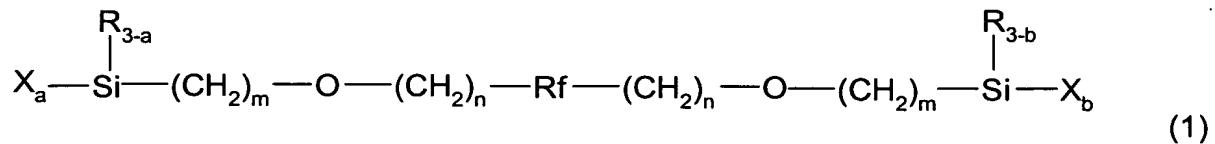
8. **(Canceled)**

9. **(Canceled)**

Please add the following new claims:

10. **(New)** A lens comprising a lens substrate, a surface layer, and a backing member provided beneath the surface layer, wherein the backing member is either identical to the

lens substrate, or a separate layer from the lens substrate, wherein the surface layer comprises a hydrolysis-condensation product of a perfluoropolyether modified silane represented by the formula (1) shown below:

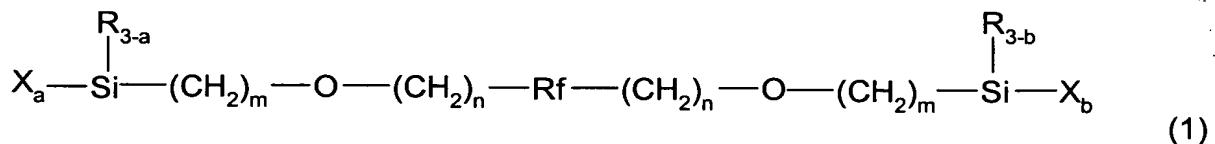


wherein, Rf is a bivalent group comprising a straight chain perfluoropolyether structure containing no branching and comprising a unit represented by a formula $-(\text{C}_k\text{F}_{2k}\text{O})-$ wherein, k represents an integer of 1 - 6, each R represents, independently, a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 - 8 carbon atoms, each X represents, independently, a hydrolysable group or a halogen atom, each n represents, independently, an integer of 0 - 2, each m represents, independently, an integer of 1 - 5, and each of a and b represents, independently, 2 or 3, and the surface layer is formed by vacuum-depositing the perfluoropolyether modified silane directly onto the backing member.

11. (New) The lens according to claim 1, wherein the backing member is identical to the lens substrate.

12. (New) A process for producing a lens comprising vacuum-depositing a surface layer onto a lens substrate or a backing member on a lens substrate, wherein the surface layer comprises:

a hydrolysis-condensation product of a perfluoropolyether modified silane represented by the formula (1) shown below:



wherein, Rf is a bivalent group comprising a straight chain perfluoropolyether structure containing no branching and comprising a unit represented by a formula $-(\text{C}_k\text{F}_{2k}\text{O})-$ wherein, k

represents an integer of 1 - 6, each R represents, independently, a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 - 8 carbon atoms, each X represents, independently, a hydrolysable group or a halogen atom, each n represents, independently, an integer of 0 - 2, each m represents, independently, an integer of 1 - 5 and each of a and b represents, independently, 2 or 3.

13. (New) The process according to claim 12, further comprising subsequently performing hydrolysis and condensation.

14. (New) The lens according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether modified silane is applied in the form of a vapor.

15. (New) The process according to claim 12, wherein the perfluoropolyether modified silane is applied in the form of a vapor.--